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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Edmund  
4 Miller Morrissey, who passed away on September 12, 2011; and

5           WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey was born on September 18, 1926,  
6 in Alton; his parents were Edmund Henry and Emma Miller  
7 Morrissey; he married the former Therese (Trixie) Louise  
8 Woodbury on November 27, 1948; and

9           WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey graduated from Marquette High  
10 School in 1944; shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the United  
11 States Merchant Marine to help serve his country during World  
12 War II; he was decorated with the Victory Medal for his  
13 meritorious service; after the war, he attended St. Louis  
14 University before subsequently graduating from Washington  
15 University's School of Engineering; and

16           WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey was the founder and owner of the  
17 Morrissey Construction Company; his firm was instrumental in  
18 shaping the region as it grew from its humble beginnings in the  
19 basement of his home to one of the region's leading commercial  
20 and residential developers; the company completed more than  
21 14,000 affordable units, including housing developments,  
22 retail outlets, churches, schools, institutional facilities

1 for the developmentally disabled, and law enforcement  
2 headquarters; and

3 WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey devoted countless hours to  
4 volunteer his time and talent on many civic boards for the  
5 betterment of the overall community; he cherished and was  
6 always there for St. Ambrose Catholic Church, where he  
7 worshipped and served for more than 60 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey had a passion for travel and  
9 learning other cultures, most notably the ancient cultures of  
10 Central America, where he was recognized as an authority in the  
11 field of pre-Columbian antiquities; he also enjoyed hunting,  
12 fishing, woodworking, spending time with his family and  
13 friends, and spreading good will wherever he went; and

14 WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey was preceded in death by his  
15 parents and his sister-in-law, Mary Josephine Morrissey; and

16 WHEREAS, Edmund Morrissey is survived by his beloved wife,  
17 Trixie; his children, Ed, Jr. (Patty), Mike (Linda), Barbara  
18 McGrew (Michael), Tom (Laurie), Jim, Joe, John, Teri Holland  
19 (Dean), Dan (Kimara), Patrick, and Kathy Brandt (Kurt); his  
20 grandchildren, Mary Morrissey, Jeanne Kirimca, Michael C.  
21 Morrissey Jr., Vanessa Bassett, Ryan Morrissey, Tom  
22 Edmoundson, Micah Spicer, Edmund Q. Morrissey, McKenna

1 Morrissey, John Paul Morrissey, Jackson Morrissey, Jacob  
2 Morrissey, Erich Holland, Nathan Holland, Michelle Holland,  
3 Samantha Purcell-Blyth, Daniel Morrissey Jr., Emma Morrissey,  
4 Joseph R. Morrissey, Margaret Morrissey, Alexander Morrissey,  
5 Matthew Morrissey, Lauren Brandt, Zachary Brandt, Noah Brandt,  
6 Luke Brandt, and Sophia Brandt; his great-grandchildren,  
7 Konnor Morrissey, Kollin Morrissey, Karson Morrissey, Kooper  
8 Morrissey, Madison Bassett, Isabelle Bassett and Shane  
9 Morrissey; his brother, Thomas Morrissey, M.D.; his  
10 sister-in-law, Jean Woodbury Culligan Doris; and his many  
11 nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
14 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
15 Edmund Miller Morrissey; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Edmund Morrissey as an expression of  
18 our sympathy.